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IN THE ABSTRACT:

The abstract of the disclosure has been amended as follows:

A water activation device efficiently activates water and maintains its activation performance over a long period of time. The water activation device includes a conductive body having an in-flow opening and an out-flow opening, a cover member that coats the outer perimeter of the body through insulation material and is insulated from water pipes, a plurality of holders overlapped with one another in an axial direction of the body, and a plurality of activation material ~~unit~~ units each being formed in a ~~small~~ cylindrical block containing minerals as a main component. The activation material units are held in a retainer of a the holder without contacting with one another, ~~and multiple holders are placed along the same straight line in the direction of the flow in the internal space of the body. Further, the outside of holder is fitted with an inner surface of the internal space so that water can flow through the multiple flow openings formed on the retainer. The flow openings have turning slope surfaces for generating deflected flows in the turning direction, inner slope surfaces for generating deflected flows in the inner direction, and outer slope surfaces for generating deflected flows in the outer direction. Each of the holders is formed of a retainer having a plurality of flow openings.~~

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The clean set of the abstract of the disclosure after the amendment is as follows:

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